LESSON 1

HOW EVERYTHING BEGAN



Aim: **To teach the children that God made us as well as the world we live in.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 1:1-27**

Memory Verse: **Genesis 1:1**
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Ask the class to name all the various things they can see around them: chairs, benches, trees, sky, people, etc. **Somebody** must have made all these things. Who made them?

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. God, the great Spirit who is everywhere and who knows all things, created everything around us. A carpenter may have made the benches and chairs, but God made the trees for the wood and gave mankind the skill to do such work.
2. **Ask the class to put their hands over their eyes, then ask them what they can see.** Nothing. God, who is the all-powerful Spirit, created everything out of nothing. No-one else can do that. A carpenter can make a bench, but he cannot create it out of nothing; he has to have some wood to start with.
3. **Show Picture 1.** God created all the things you see in this picture. **Point out the various objects and let the children name them as you go.**
4. Before God began his work of creation, all was dark. Then God said, "Let the light come." When God had spoken, there was light everywhere. God was very pleased with what he had created on that first day. There was light during the day and darkness during the night.
5. On the second day, God gave the earth its shape, which is like an orange. **(If oranges are unavailable, replace the example with another suitably shaped fruit.) Show the class an orange.** God then separated the earth from the sky.
   In the same way, describe what was created on the other days. Repeat every time, as the Bible does, that God was pleased with his creation: It was good.
6. On the third day the dry land, seas, plants and trees were created.
7. On the fourth day the sun, moon and stars were created.
8. On the fifth day the birds and sea creatures were created.
9. On the sixth day the land animals and the first people were created. God breathed the spirit of life into mankind. The Bible calls them Adam and Eve.

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Instil the Memory Verse

Put or hold up Picture 1 where the class can see it as they learn the verse.

Our Response to the Story

God created the world for us to look after. How can we do this? **Ask the class for examples, and name some yourself. Here are some suggestions:**

- Whenever you cut down one tree, plant two young trees.
- Don't throw away water you have finished with; use it to water plants.
- Make compost out of vegetable peelings and ashes and leaves.
- Put dangerous rubbish like broken glass and plastic in a special place so no-one will be hurt.



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